Non-implementation of Annapurna Scheme by some States

1164. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have not implemented Annapurna Scheme so far;

(b) if so, the names of such States and the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps are being taken to get the scheme implemented in these States;

(d) whether Tripura Government had requested the Centre to enhance the monthly quota under the scheme; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (e) The Annapurna Scheme, which aims at providing food Security to destitutes above 65 years of age (identified by the State/UTs), is yet to be implemented in five States, namely, Haryana, Karnataka, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab which have indicated difficulties in identifying beneficiaries, as per the criteria of the Scheme. The Government of Tripura had suggested an increase in entitlement of rice (from 10 Kgs to 15 Kgs per month), which is not in accordance with the Guidelines of the Scheme and could not be acceded to.

Citizens eligible under Annapurna Scheme

1165. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITTARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many States have identified elderly citizens eligible for distribution of 10 Kg. grains per month at free of cost, under the "Annapurna Scheme" and the State-wise number identified so far; and

(b) since when this scheme has been implemented and quantum of foodgrains distributed per month?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) 19 States/UTs have so far identified the beneficiaries during the year 2001-02. The Statement showing State-wise number of beneficiaries identified so far is. [*See* Appendix 194 Annexure No. 10]

(b) The annapurna Scheme has been implemented *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2000. The quantum of food grains lifted for disbursement (month-wise/year-wise) is indicated in the Statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 194 Annexure No. 11 and 12.]

Action Plan for providing potable water to all

1166. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action plan to provide potable water to all by 2004;

(b) the State-wise habitations identified needing potable drinking water; and

(c) the budgetary support proposed to be enhanced for the accelerated rural water supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The National Agenda for Governance of the Government of India envisages provision of drinking water supply facilities to all rural habitations in the country by the year 2004. Accordingly all the States and Union Territories prepared action plan indicating the financial requirement for achieving the above objective. A Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) was prepared by the Dept. of Drinking Water Supply by compiling the information furnished by the State/UT Govenrments. As per the CAP, an amount of Rs.25450 crores would be required as central share to achieve the above objective. The annual outlay for the sector is finalised by the Planning Commission